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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS ADVISOR

1. AT THE RECENT EAST ASIA CUSTOMS CONFERENCE HELD IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS UPON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS, OFFICIALS OF INDONESIAN CUSTOMS EXPRESSED INTEREST TO U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LATTER ASSIGNING A CUSTOMS ADVISOR TO WORK WITH INDONESIAN CUSTOMS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS INTERCEPTION.

2. IT IS CUSTOMS UNDERSTANDING THAT INDONESIAN CUSTOMS HAS ALSO DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH DEA IN JAKARTA.

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3. FYI U.S. CUSTOMS CURRENTLY HAS ADVISORY PROJECTS IN

THAILAND, ECUADOR, AND ABU DHABI (AND HAS HAD SUCH POSITIONS IN THE PAST IN LAOS, VIETNAM, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, CHILE, ARGENTINA, ETHIOPIA, LIBERIA, AND AFGHANISTAN). END FYI.

4. BEFORE PURSUING MATTER FURTHER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AS TO DESIRABILITY OF POSSIBLY ASSIGNING A CUSTOMS ADVISOR, DEGREE OF INTEREST AND NEED OF GOI FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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